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Letter dated 7 June 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary General

I have the honour to request that the present letter and the annexed declaration of the Working Group on Friendship and Solidarity with Argentina be circulated as a document of the General Assembly in connection with agenda item 46.

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Annex to the letter dated 7 June 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

United Nations Association of Cuba

Declaration of solidarity on the question of the Malvinas

The United Nations Association of Cuba, which coordinates work by the Working Group on Friendship and Solidarity with Argentina on the question of the Malvinas, devoted its annual workshop, an event held every year since 2012, to reflection on this important subject, and to a review of the Group's activities over the past year.

The participants, comprising representatives of Cuban civil society organizations and prominent figures in Cuban civil society, recalled that 16 December 2015 marked the fiftieth anniversary of the adoption of resolution 2065 (XX) by the United Nations General Assembly, by which the international community recognized the existence of the sovereignty dispute and invited the Governments of Argentina and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to proceed without delay with negotiations to find a peaceful solution to the problem. Fifty years have passed and this important mandate remains to be fulfilled.

Being of the view that the peaceful settlement of disputes, in accordance with article 33 of Chapter VI of the Charter of the United Nations, United Nations resolution 2065 (XX) and more than 40 other resolutions adopted by that Organization and the proclamation of Latin America and the Caribbean as a zone of peace, adopted at the Second Summit of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States, in January 2014, constitute the basis for the settlement of the dispute between the Argentine Republic and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland over the sovereignty of the Malvinas Islands, South Georgia Islands and South Sandwich Islands and the surrounding maritime areas, they decided:

1. To reaffirm their unwavering support for the position taken by the Argentine Republic in seeking a peaceful solution to the sovereignty dispute with the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland over the Malvinas Islands, South Georgia Islands and South Sandwich Islands and the surrounding maritime areas, an approach enshrined in the Constitution of that sister nation, in accordance with the principles of international law, the Charter of the United Nations, the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, and the proclamation of Latin America and the Caribbean as a zone of peace;

2. To highlight and support the constructive attitude and willingness of the Argentine Republic to set in place arrangements for the resumption of dialogue with the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on the islands and, through a process of negotiations, to reach a definitive solution to the dispute;

3. To affirm that a peaceful and negotiated settlement is the only possible means of resolving the sovereignty dispute between the parties and strengthening the climate of peace prevailing in the Latin American and Caribbean region;

4. To support the important role played by the United Nations Decolonization Committee in discussions and the adoption of resolutions on the question of the Malvinas;

5. To request the Secretary General of the United Nations to renew his good offices with a view to ensuring that the Argentine Republic and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland resume negotiations on this subject as soon as possible;

6. To call upon all people of goodwill, social movements and stakeholders, and civil society organizations to join the international campaign in support of the position of the Argentine Republic on the question of the Malvinas and, to that end, on 10 June to celebrate the Day of Affirmation of Argentine Rights over the Malvinas Islands, South Georgia Islands and South Sandwich Islands and the Surrounding Maritime Areas.

Done at Havana, on 20 April 2016